South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: Community and Regional Planning
2026-2027 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ **Student ID#** _____ **Student Phone #** _____

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** _____ **Minor/Career Interest(s)** _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.

FIRST YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication (SGR #2)		3		
GEOG 111	Sustainable Society	Suggested	3		
GEOG 290	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
SGR #6	Natural Science	GEOG 131-131L or 132-132L suggested	3-4		
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (SGR #3)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences - Civics Requirement	Choose 1: HIST 151, HIST 152, POLS 100, POLS 210 or CIV 100	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	GEOG 131-131L or 132-132L suggested	3-4		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
DSGN 253	Site Analysis and Surrounding		3		
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
Natural Science course		See CNS Department of Geography & Geospatial Sciences Natural Science list in the catalog.	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (from two different disciplines or a sequence of a foreign language)	See list in catalog	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 252	Site Planning	p. DSGN 253	4		
Major emphasis course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (from two different disciplines or a sequence of a foreign language)	See list in catalog	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GEOG 372/372L	Introduction to GIS		3		
GEOG 461 or SOC 440	Urban Geography or Urban Sociology	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150 (for SOC 440)	3		
LA 342	City Planning	p. LA 252	3		
Major emphasis course	Major emphasis course	Major emphasis course	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GEOG 421	Research Methods in Geography		3		
PLAN 471	Principles of State, Regional and Community Planning		3		
Major emphasis course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PHIL 454	Environmental Ethics		3		
PLAN 472	Techniques of State, Regional and Community Planning	p. PLAN 471	3		
Major emphasis course			6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GEOG 454	Sustainable Communities		3		
Major emphasis course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the Honors program requirements.

As part of this program, students must complete:

- a minimum of 30 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)